

Maine Gas Safety Program



Maine Public Utilities Commission

**2010 NEPSR Pipeline Safety Seminar
Ogunquit, ME**

Staffing

Jim Atkins
Pipeline Safety Inspector
Started
July 6, 2010

Inspections & Audits

- **Compliance audits**
 - LDCs
 - LPGs
 - LNG
- **Inspections**
 - New Construction

Rulemaking

Chapter 420

SAFETY STANDARDS FOR NATURAL GAS AND LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS FACILITY OPERATORS

- **Public Hearing November 2, 2010 10:00 AM**
- **Written Comments Due December 1, 2010**

Rulemaking

Chapter 421 SAFETY AND OPERATION STANDARDS FOR LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS (LPG) DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS

- **Issued by Order dated May 19, 2010. Back in rulemaking process for a revision regarding customer piping.**
- **Public Hearing November 2, 2010**
- **Written Comments Due December 1, 2010**

Damage Prevention Program

Chapter 895 in the Rulemaking Process

- **Informal Comments due October 20, 2010**
- **Public Hearing October 26, 2010**
- **Formal Comments Due November 5, 2010**

Damage Prevention Program

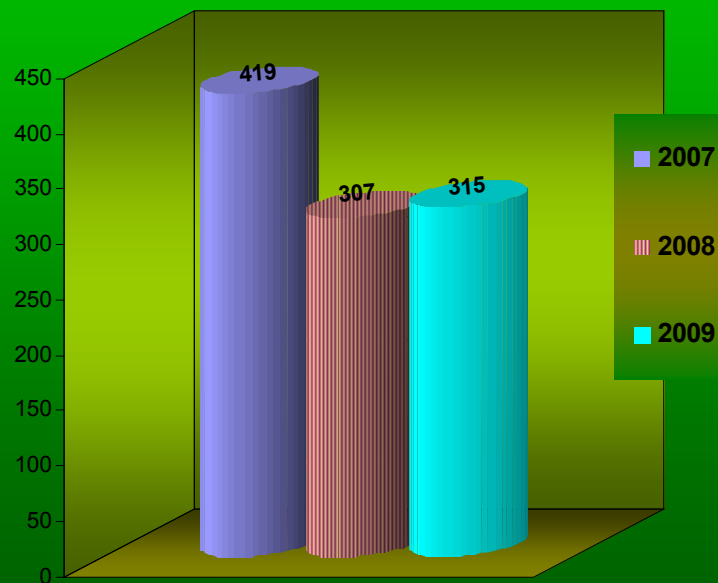
- **Two – Full Time Investigators.**
- **Most incidents investigated within 24 hours of occurrence.**

Damage Prevention Program

**From 2008 to 2009 reported
damage incidents increased
slightly (2.6%)**

Damage Prevention Program

Annual Damage Incidents



Jurisdictional LP Gas

- **Approximately 840 facilities**
- **48 Operators**
- **No longer using contractors for Inspections**
- **Facility inspections ongoing**
- **Records reviews upcoming**

Cast Iron and Bare Steel Replacement

Stipulation for all Cast Iron and Bare Steel to be replaced over a 14 year period. It may be extended to 17 years if it's demonstrated necessary for effective coordination with municipal projects.

Thank You!